

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5       The invention achieves certain advantages in  
pharmaceutical development over large multinational  
companies by forming a multilateral alliance of independent  
entities, each with their own geographical focus. In  
accordance with the invention, a method is provided whereby  
multiple entities, within the coverage of a common patent  
10 portfolio, undertake their own research and development in  
their own territory. Under a second feature of the  
invention, the entities may each utilize the information  
obtained by the others in order to advance their own  
development program.

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